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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited during the prosecution of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/926,588 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,736,291 on May 18, 2004:

- U.S. Patent No. 4,622,239 to SCHOENTHALER et al., which issued on November 11, 1986;
 - U.S. Patent No. 4,674,658 to Van BROCKLIN, which issued on June 23, 1987;
 - U.S. Patent No. 4,938,994 to CHOINSKI, which issued on July 3, 1990;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,088,631 to TORTEROTOT, which issued on February 18, 1992;
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,186,982 to BLETE et al., which issued on February 16, 1993;
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,529,212 to TERHARDT, which issued on June 25, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,799,833 to GREEN et al., which issued on September 1, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,914 to TSUDA et al., which issued on March 16, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,927,560 to LEWIS et al., which issued on July 27, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-77668, which was published on May 23, 1988, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-170304, which was published on June 21, 1994, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-164357, which was published on June 24, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that the above-noted documents were cited during the prosecution of the parent application, and thus no copies are being provided herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)(i). However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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